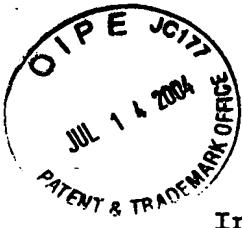


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RESPONSE

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Sir:

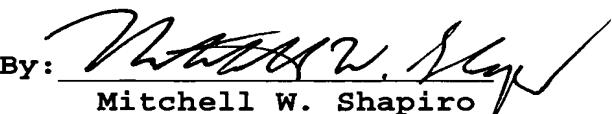
Responding to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2004, and to the requirement for restriction therein, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-12) without traverse, reserving the right to file a divisional application with regard to the non-elected invention.

An action on the merits of the claims to the elected invention is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and

has not been requested separately, then such extension is  
hereby requested.

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